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This paper is in response to the final Office Action mailed on July 16, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 28-42 are pending. Claims 28, 30, 32, 36, and 40 are in independent form.

The Action indicates that the priority document and the IDS have not been received. With this response, Applicants are re-submitting the IDS and cited documents. Applicants are also submitting a copy of the postcard, stamped by the USPTO, indicating that the priority document and IDS were received on March 2, 1999. Favorable consideration is requested.

Claims 28-42 were rejected for obviousness over GB Patent Application No. 2 125 253 by Latin et al. ("Latin") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,715,521 to Fukasawa et al. ("Fukasawa"). Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because the cited documents do not teach or suggest all of the claim limitations.

Claim 28 defines a method of transferring an electrical digital signal. The effect of these steps are shown in Fig. 1 of the accompanying drawing page, where the spectra of the signals are illustrated. The original data signal has a spectrum